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SUBJECT: US PARTICIPATION IN INTERGOVERNMENTAL COUNCIL
FOR INTERNATIONAL HYDROLOGICAL PROGRAM

REF: CRAGWALL LETTER OF MARCH 10 TO DUMITRESCU

1. UNESCO DDG FOBES ADVISED DELOFF THAT REFERENCED LETTER OUTLINING US POSITIONS ON VARIOUS TOPICS TO BE CONSIDERED BY FIRST SESSION OF IHP INTERGOVERNMENTAL COUNCIL HAS AROUSED CONCERN AMONG SOME IN SECRETARIAT NOTABLY DUMITRESCU (DIRECTOR OF UNESCO WATER SCIENCES DIVISION), AS INDICATION THAT US PLANS ONLY MINIMAL PARTICIPATION IN IHP. DUMITRESCU EXPRESSED PARTICULAR CONCERN OVER REFLETTER'S INFORMATION THAT US WILL NOT SEEK SEAT IN IHP BUREAU OR SUBORDINATE COMMITTEES.

2. FOBES SAID DUMITRESCU STATED THAT SOVIETS WILL SEEK A VICE-CHAIRMANSHIP REGARDLESS OF US INTENTIONS, ALTHOUGH YUGOSLAVIA ALSO SLATED FOR BUREAU SEAT. DUMITRESCU ALSO EXPRESSED FIRM BELIEF THAT SOVIETS WILL SEEK TO MOVE INTO ANY GAPS RESULTING FROM MINIMAL US PARTICIPATION IN IHP

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3. DELOFF ADVISED FOBES THAT, SUBJECT TO CHECKING WITH DEPARTMENT AND CRAGWALL, REFLETTER REFLECTED US THINKING FORMULATED AT LEAST AS FAR BACK AS OCTOBER, 1974 IHD END-OF-DECADE CONFERENCE, AS WELL AS DISCUSSIONS WITH SOVIETS.

4. FOBES WOULD WELCOME MEETING WITH CRAGWALL WHEN LATTER ARRIVES BEFORE APRIL 9 OPENING OF IHP MEETING AND, IN MEANTIME, WOULD APPRECIATE FURTHER CLARIFICATION AS TO US INTENTIONS RE PARTICIPATION IN IHP.

5. PLEASE ADVISE.
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